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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Certain documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding PCT International Application. A copy of the PCT International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P.§ 609).

The Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

The following non-English language references are listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08:

The abstract of Russian Document RU 2 052 350 C1 discloses: FIELD: manufacture of building materials. SUBSTANCE: mixer truck has a mixing drum with a bottom and with spiral blades mounted for rotating on a transport facility and a drive of reversible rotation. Mixing members are mounted inside the spiral blades. They are uniformly arranged along the circumference, are fixed to the drum bottom by one end and their cross-section has a bioconcave shape. The exterior surface of the spiral. EFFECT: enhanced quality.

The abstract of German Document DE 40 10 539 Al discloses: Spiral is made up from sections of steel plate and is welded to the inside wall of drum. Exposed edges of spiral have protective strip which is made of wear-resistant material. Cross-section of strip consists of top and sides and is at least partly 'U'-shaped. Pref. strip is fixed to spiral (14) using rivet (28). Countersunk holes (30) protect rivet heads. ADVANTAGE – Protective strip increases life of mixing drum. With prior art, replacement of strip is expensive.

The abstract of Japanese Document JP 53-88261 discloses: PURPOSE: To provide the front wall structure of a mixer drum in a concrete mixer car, wherein the strength of the front wall of a mixer drum, which particularly necessitates rigidity, is conspicuously enhanced, the weight of the full mixer drum is reduced, and adherence of raw concrete to the inner surface of the front wall is reduced as less as possible.

Although the Applicants believe that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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